

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, at line 25, as follows:

Additionally, the present invention provides compositions comprising a heterologous antigen linked to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, the amino acid sequence comprising a loop region and further comprising from 1 to 100 amino acids at the carboxy end of ~~residue I¹⁴⁹~~, and residue V¹⁴⁹, wherein the 1 to 100 amino acids does not comprise C¹⁵⁰ or the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:42 (excluding C¹⁵⁰, and the wild type C-terminus). In some preferred embodiments, the 1 to 100 amino acids is chosen from R¹⁵⁰, K¹⁵⁰, A¹⁵⁰, R¹⁵⁰R¹⁵¹C¹⁵², and SEQ ID NOS:3-6, 43-56. In other preferred embodiments, the 1 to 100 amino acids is chosen from SEQ ID NOS:2, 7-20. In still further preferred embodiments, the 1 to 100 amino acids is chosen from SEQ ID NOS:22-36. Additionally, in particularly preferred embodiments, the heterologous antigen linked to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, comprises a particle having a diameter of 25 to 35 nm.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, at line 19, as follows:

Also provided by the present invention are compositions comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, the amino acid sequence comprising a loop region and further comprising from 1 to 100 amino acids at the carboxy end of ~~residue I¹⁴⁹~~, residue V¹⁴⁹. In some preferred embodiments, the 1 to 100 amino acids is chosen from R¹⁵⁰, K¹⁵⁰, A¹⁵⁰, R¹⁵⁰R¹⁵¹C¹⁵², and SEQ ID NOS:3-6, 43-56 (excluding C¹⁵⁰, and the wild type C-terminus set forth in SEQ ID NO:42). In other preferred embodiments, the 1 to 100 amino acids is chosen from SEQ ID NOS:2, 7-20. In still further preferred embodiments, the 1 to 100 amino acids is chosen from SEQ ID NOS:22-36. Additionally, in particularly preferred embodiments, the heterologous antigen linked to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, comprises a particle having a diameter of 25 to 35 nm.